

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a wonderful organization in my district that this year is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Community Resource Center located in Mamaroneck, New York.

The mission of CRC is today more important than ever. Formerly the Hispanic Resource Center, it is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization founded in 1998 to promote the cultural, economic, educational and professional integration of immigrants to the already established larger community. It is also dedicated to advocating for those in need. CRC aims to provide the tools to prepare new immigrant families to become self-sufficient and active members of the community.

Over its 20 years in existence, CRC has grown from a community initiative designed and acting as a clearinghouse of information and referral services, to an organization that provides comprehensive direct client services and programs. The Center provides a host of educational programs, case management and referral services and advocate for immigrants and low-income families in need. In the past year, the Center served nearly 4,000 adults, youth, and children in three primary areas: Case management and social services; Educational programs and workshops; and Worker Center-job placement for men and women seeking employment. The Center understands that the Westchester community is strengthened by cultural and economic diversity, and the work they do in support of that cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, the America I know welcomes all immigrants and isn't afraid to lend a helping hand to those in need. I am proud to represent an organization like Community Resource Center that provides that loving hand every single day. Congratulations to the entire CRC team on 20 wonderful years serving the community, and here's to many more.

HONORING JERRY FRIEDMAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize a dear friend, Jerry Friedman, who this year is celebrating his remarkable 90th birthday in addition to his 63rd wedding anniversary to his wonderful wife, Lillian.

Lillian and Jerry were married in the Bronx on December 10th, 1955. Together they have two children, Lynn and Stuart, who were both

born while the couple lived in Brooklyn, and now 2 grandchildren, Sophie and Ben. In 1971, the Friedman family moved to Co-op City, which is where Pat and I met them as members of the Co-op City Democratic Club. We have been close ever since.

Jerry was a very active member on the Riverbay Board for many years, and at one point served as Vice President for three terms. He was also instrumental in the rent strike, acting as an advocate for residents. When I first ran for State Assembly, Jerry and Lillian were two of my earliest supporters. I'll never forget the faith they placed in me.

Outside of his activism, Jerry is a wonderful amateur photographer whose pictures have hung in the Riverdale Y and other local spots. He was also very active in the Boy Scouts and over the years rose to their highest office.

In addition, Jerry served on the Board of Visitors at Bronx Psychiatric Center, which provides a continuum of inpatient, outpatient and related psychiatric services with inpatient hospitalization at the main campus.

Mr. Speaker, I have long cherished my friendship with Jerry Friedman and I count myself incredibly fortunate to have known him for so many years. He is a terrific individual who has done so much to help strengthen our community here in the Bronx, and I am honored to be able to recognize him on this wonderful occasion. Congratulations to Jerry on an incredible 90 years.

RETIREMENT OF MATTHEW PINKUS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I have the opportunity to inform colleagues that Mr. Matthew Pinkus, our Committee senior policy adviser and parliamentarian to House Administration Committee Democrats, retired recently, concluding a congressional staff career which began as an intern in 1971 and included 19 years on our committee, the longest of the more than twenty different congressional professional positions he had held during that period, including time as chief legislative assistant to Rep. Michael Barnes (D) of Maryland for the congressman's entire tenure in the House.

Whether working in House leadership, on five different congressional committees and in Members' offices, Matt excelled in a huge variety of tasks. A summer college job as a congressional intern in the House for Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal of New York while attending Brandeis University prompted Matt to leave graduate school at U.C. Berkeley after receiving an M.A. in political science and work in Washington full time, first at Congressional Quarterly, then for a month in the Senate, and then the remaining decades in the House. He said of that path, "I decided very early on that,

as much as possible, I would do things the way I wanted and try to have fun. Usually, that worked."

Matt had an eclectic career path since his first full-time job here in 1976, when he left a political reporting job at Congressional Quarterly. He often chose to seek work in specific subject areas which interested him, rather than follow the common alternate staff career path of attaching himself to one or two members and remaining in place. He was first appointed to the Committee on House Administration Democratic staff in 1991 by Rep. Sam Gejdenson of Connecticut to work on campaign finance reform, and then moved on to the Brookings Institution as a guest scholar on their "Renewing Congress" project before returning to the House in 1995 to work on oversight of the executive branch at the Committee on Government Reform. Between Hill jobs in the 1990s, Matt had finished writing a book for Congressional Quarterly in 1998, *How Congress Works*, and was ready to once again return to the House. Then-House Administration Ranking Member Gejdenson asked him to work on election contests, and he remained here to work sequentially for Ranking Members HOYER, LARSON and Chairwoman Millender-McDonald.

Matt was probably best known on the Hill as one of the top experts on rules and process, serving on the Rules Committee staff and twice on the Subcommittee on Rules of the House, including as subcommittee staff director. His most distinctive job was as parliamentarian of the House Democratic Caucus for six years, which recognized and utilized his vast knowledge of the Caucus rules. It was a position created especially for him and lasted through the service of Chairmen Robert Menendez, JIM CLYBURN, Rahm Emanuel and JOHN LARSON—all while he also worked simultaneously on the House Administration Committee. He was known for always being carefully prepared, totally candid, and was not intimidated by Members.

Matt was always our committee parliamentarian, managed floor operations, and worked on elections legislation, congressional continuity issues, and the Smithsonian Institution. He drafted and edited views on committee reports and other publications, and proofed specialized historical books published by the House. He would discuss parliamentary strategy in the morning and then make an oversight visit to the National Zoo to learn about artificial insemination of Giant Pandas in the afternoon, something made possible by CHA's very eclectic jurisdiction.

Matt sat behind me for years on the Committee on House Administration dais when I was a junior member and helped provide advice on hearings and markups for Members but when I suddenly became chairman in 2007 following the death of Chairwoman Millender-McDonald, he was there with an intricately drafted manager's parliamentary script for my very long first markup. This was a totally new role for me. When I went off script at some points and noticed Matt's look of concern, after avoiding disaster, I told him that

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